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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF QUESTION ANDANSWER SESSION
OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S APRIL 19 PRESS CONFERENCE
ON TURKISH PROPOSALS. TEXT WAS PROVIDED BY GOC
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE. PARAGRAPH NUMBERING ADDED
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1. (BEGIN TEXT) TO A QUESTION REGARDING THE REACTION

OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOLLOWING THE REJECTION OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS BY THE CYPRUS SIDE, MR. KYPRIANOU REPLIED: "I DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE PROPER FOR ME TO REVEAL WHAT WAS EXCHANGED BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. I WOULD LIKE MERELY TO SAY THAT HE LISTENED CAREFULLY AND I BELIEVE WITH UNDERSTANDING TO THE VIEWS I SET OUT TO HIM."

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATEST STATEMENT BY SENATOR KENNEDY ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, MR. KYPRIANOU STATED: "NO DOUBT THIS STATEMENT CONTAINS POSITIVE ELEMENTS AND I CAN DESCRIBE IT AS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE."

3. ASKED HOW HE ASSESSED THE STATEMENT OF THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT HE WILL DECIDE IN NEW YORK WHETHER TO CONVENE A NEW ROUND OF TALKS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC SAID "THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S STAND IS FULLY IN KEEPING WITH THE PROCEDURE AGREED UPON IN JANUARY, 1978. HE HAS STUDIED THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, HE KNOWS OUR OWN PROPOSALS SUBMITTED LAST APRIL, HE KNOWS OUR OWN VIEWS ON THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, HE NOW KNOWS THOROUGHLY THE POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES AND IT IS UP TO HIM TO DECIDE ON THE NEXT STEP IN THE EFFORTS HE IS MAKING."

4. TO A REMARK AT NICOSIA AIRPORT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE
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DR. WALDHEIM DISASSOCIATED THE CYPRUS PROBLEM FROM THE EMBARGO AND THE TURKISH PROPOSALS FROM THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS AND ASKED TO COMMENT ON THIS, MR. KYPRIANOU REPLIED: "I CANNOT SAY THAT THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS DISASSOCIATED THE CYPRUS PROBLEM FROM THE EMBARGO. HE SIMPLY DID NOT WANT TO LINK IT BECAUSE HE IS THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL AND NOT THE SPOKESMAN OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION OR THE CONGRESS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE BASIS OF THE PROCEDURE AGREED UPON IN NICOSIA IN JANUARY 1978 AND THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS. THE ALLEGATION THAT NO REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE BY DR. WALDHEIM TO THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS IS DUE, I BELIEVE, TO A MISUNDERSTANDING. THE OFFER OF THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL, I.E. THE PROCEDURE WHICH HAS BEEN FOLLOWED SO FAR AND IS STILL BEING FOLLOWED, IS BASED ON THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL TO DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS."

5. AS REGARDS THE NEXT STEP FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM FOLLOWING THE REJECTION OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC SAID: "WE

HAVE REACHED DECISIONS AND WE HAVE PLANNED A SERIES OF ACTIONS BUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE DECISIONS AND ACTIONS WILL DEPEND ON THE DECISION OF THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL, WHETHER TO CONVENE OR NOT A NEW ROUND OF TALKS. I HOPE THAT THE DECISION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL BE TAKEN VERY SOON. FROM WHAT HE TOLD ME HIMSELF, HE WILL DECIDE NEXT WEEK WHAT HIS NEXT STEP WILL BE."

6. TO A QUESTION WHETHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS OR SUBMISSION OF NEW ONES HAS BEEN ASKED, MR. KYPRIANOU SAID: "THE REPLY IS SIMPLE. WE CANNOT ASK FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW MUCH THESE MAY BE IMPROVED THEIR BASIS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PHILOSOPHY IS SUCH THAT THEY ARE COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. NO MATTER HOW GREAT THE EFFORT TO BE EXERTED FOR THEIR IMPROVEMENT NEITHER THEIR SUBSTANCE NOR THEIR BASIS CAN CHANGE. CONSEQUENTLY IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION THAT THEY CAN BE IMPROVED TO THE POINT OF BECOMING NEGOTIABLE. AS REGARDS THE SECOND PART OF THE QUESTION, I.E. WHETHER WE ASKED FOR NEW TURKISH PROPOSALS, IT IS NOT UP TO US TO AKS FOR NEW TURKISH PROPOSALS."

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7, TO A QUESTION WHETHER IN THE TURKISH PROPOSALS THERE IS REFERENCE TO THE QUESTION OF THE KARPASS OR TO HUMANITARIAN ISSUES, MR. KYPRIANOU REPLIED: "THERE IS NO MENTION OF HUMANITARIAN ISSUES. ALSO AS REGARDS SPECIFICALLY THE QUESTION OF THE KARPASS, IN THE SO-CALLED EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM REFERENCE IS MADE IN THE SENSE THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ONCE ON AN EXCHANGE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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POPULATIONS. I DO NOT WANT TO GO BACK TO THE PAST. BUT, IN ANY CASE, THERE IS AN AGREEMENT FOR THE KARPASS WHICH WAS NEVER HONOURED BY THE TURKISH SIDE AND THERE IS NO MENTION OF THIS AGREEMENT. ON THE CONTRARY, THIS AGREEMENT IS PRESENTED AS AN AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF POPULATIONS."

8. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONSIDERED WAYS TO FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE TURKS PROCLAIMING AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE AND CONTINUING THEIR THREATS, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU SAID: "THE GOVERNMENT AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL HAVE TAKEN DECISIONS ON THE MATTER. AS I SAID EARLIER, THESE DECISIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DEPENDING ON THE DECISION OF THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL. IF THERE ARE NO TALKS OR IF THERE ARE THREATS, THE NEXT STEP WILL BE TO HAVE A RECOURSE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE BASIS OF THE LATEST GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER MEASURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS."

9. ASKED WHAT THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT WILL DO IF DR. WALDHEIM CALLED FOR RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, SAID: "THERE ARE TWO POSSIBILITIES. THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN THE

LIGHT OF THE VIEWS, PROPOSALS, COUNTER-PROPOSALS, EXPLANATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS HE HAD, MAY NOT CONVENE A NEW ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. THERE IS A SECOND POSSIBILITY. DESPITE ALL WE HAVE SAID, DESPITE THE REJECTION OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, DESPITE THE HUGE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WHICH IS A GAP ON THE SUBSTANCE, IF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CALLS FOR A NEW ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, WE SHALL CONSIDER UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS PROPOSAL AND GIVE HIM A REPLY."

10. IN ANSWER TO A REMARK THAT THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS STATED THAT THE ISRAELI TROOPS SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM LEBANON, WHILE IN THE CASE OF CYPRUS HE DECLINED TO REPLY TO A QUESTION WHETHER THE TURKISH TROOPS WOULD WITHDRAW FROM THE ISLAND, MR. KYPRIANOU SAID: "I SHOULD NOT LIKE TO JUDGE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BUT I SHOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THE SAME PRINCIPLES SHOULD APPLY TO ALL CASES."

11. CONCERNING THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR THE CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS, MR. KYPRIANOU SAID: "WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS SOVIET PROPOSAL."

12. REPLYING TO A QUESTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE BBC REPORT THAT WITH THE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS THE TURKS WILL START WITHDRAWING FROM FAMAGUSTA, MR. KYPRIANOU REPLIED THAT ON THE ISSUE OF FAMAGUSTA HE WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT WHAT HE HAD STATED EARLIER: "THE TURKS HAVE VERY CLEAR VIEWS IN REGARD TO FAMAGUSTA. I WOULD LIKE IN PARTICULAR TO APPEAL TO THE CITIZENS OF FAMAGUSTA TO UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, INTENTIONS AND AIMS AND NOT TO BE MISLED BY (THOSE) WHO WANT TO MISLEAD THEM WITH THE OBJECT OF UNDERMINING THE UNITY OF THE PEOPLE. THE TURKS INSIST TO KEEP THE WHOLE TOWN OF FAMAGUSTA AND VAROSHA UNDER THEIR ABSOLUTE DOMINATION AND CONTROL. THEY PROPOSE TO ALLOW A SMALL NUMBER OF REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THE AREA I HAVE MENTIONED. BECAUSE THE AREA IS SO SMALL AND THE NUMBER OF THOSE TO RETURN SO LIMITED I DESCRIBED THE WHOLE EFFORT AS AN EFFORT TO CREATE A NEW ENCLAVE. EVIDENTLY THE TURKS WOULD LIKE A NUMBER OF WEALTHY PEOPLE TO RETURN TO FAMAGUSTA TO OPERATE CERTAIN HOTELS. BUT AFTER REPAIRING THEM AND PUTTING THEM IN OPERATION WHO KNOWS WHETHER THEY WOULD LIKE THEM TO STAY THERE. AT THIS POINT UNCLASSIFIED

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I WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMETHING ELSE: THAT THE WHOLE TEXT
OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS LEAVES ALWAYS A WINDOW - THE
QUESTION OF SECURITY, WHICH HELPS CLARIFY EVEN BETTER
THE TURKISH INTENTIONS."

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13. TO A QUESTION HOW THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT VIEWS THE
WHOLE ISSUE OF GUARANTEES IN THE EVENT OF AN AGREEMENT,
MR. KYPRIANOU SAID: "IT IS TRUE THAT THE ONLY ELEMENT
OF THE ZURICH AND LONDON AGREEMENTS WHICH THE TURKS WANT
TO MAINTAIN IS THE TREATY OF GUARANTEE WHICH, IN ANY
CASE, HAS BEEN THE CAUSE OF DESTRUCTION OF CYPRUS. I

WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT AS YET
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REACHED THIS STAGE, GUARANTEES OF THIS KIND CANNOT BE
ACCEPTED BY OUR SIDE. IN THE EVENT OF REACHING A
SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM THE GUARANTEES SHOULD
BE MUCH WIDER AND SHOULD BE PROVIDED SPECIFICALLY
THROUGH THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL.

14. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION HOW HE SAW THE ROLE OF
THE INTERNATIONAL FACTOR, AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF
THESE DEPLORABLE PROPOSALS, MR KYPRIANOU SAID: "I
DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE STAND OF THE INTERNATIONAL FACTOR
WILL BE FOLLOWING THESE DEVELOPMENTS. I LIKE TO HOPE
THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FACTOR WILL SEE THE TURKISH
PROPOSALS AND THIS TURKISH PROPAGANDA MOVE AS IT
REALLY IS, BECAUSE IT IS ITS DUTY TO DO SO. IT SHOULD
NOT TRY TO PRESENT IT AS SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE, BY
DISTORTING THE TRUTH. AND RIGHTLY CYPRUS, THIS SMALL
COUNTRY, WHICH IS AN EQUAL MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND HAS BEEN THROUGH THIS TRAGEDY, IS EXPECTING FROM
THE INTERNATIONAL FACTOR SUPPORT AND HELP IN THE DIRECTION
OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS.
WE SHALL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN THIS DIRECTION -
THE STATE AND ALL ITS SERVICES AT ALL LEVELS."

15. QUESTIONED WHETHER HE BELIEVED THAT MR. ECEVIT WILL
CREATE A BIGGER CRISIS AND TENSION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC SAID: "I DO NOT KNOW WHAT MR. ECEVIT'S INTENTIONS
ARE. I HOPE THAT THE EFFORT HE MADE TO MISLEAD WORLD OPINION
AND LEAD US TO DESTRUCTION WILL BE ENOUGH FOR HIM AND THAT
HE WILL NOT CAUSE GREATER EXACERBATION WHICH WILL HAVE
REPERCUSSIONS NOT ONLY ON CYPRUS, BUT ALSO ON RELATIONS
BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY AND EVEN WIDER REPERCUSSIONS.
TALKING ABOUT EXACERBATION OF THE SITUATION AND A POSSIBLE
CRISIS OUR SIDE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVERT IT.
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IF, HOWEVER, THINGS TAKE THIS COURSE RESPONSIBILITY
WILL NOT REST ONLY WITH MR. ECEVIT."

16 ASKED HOW HE INTERPRETED THE TURKISH DECLARATION THAT
800 TURKISH SOLDIERS WILL LEAVE CYPRUS HE SAID THAT HIS
IS A JOKE IN A TRAGIC SITUATION.

17. ASKED WHAT THE FUTURE OF OUR OWN PROPOSALS WILL BE

AFTER REJECTION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS, MR. KYPRIANOU SAID THAT THIS IS A MATTER TO OCCUPY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

18. TO ANOTHER QUESTION WHETHER HE HAS DECIDED TO LAUNCH THE ENLIGHTENMENT CAMPAIGN WHICH HE HAD PLANNED, MR. KYPRIANOU REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. A PROGRAMME FOR A CAMPAIGN AT ALL LEVELS IS UNDER PREPARATION, HE SAID.

19. TO A REMARK THAT THE GREEK SIDE AND DR. WALDHEIM REFER TO AN AGREEMENT ACHIEVED IN JANUARY, 1978, WHEREAS THE TURKISH SIDE MAKES REFERENCE TO AN ANKARA AGREEMENT, MR. KYPRIANOU SAID: "FROM WHAT I KNOW THERE IS ONLY ONE PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT AND THIS IS THAT OF JANUARY 1978 CONCLUDED IN CYPRUS DURING TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND CONFIRMED DURING THE LUNCHEON MEETING I HAD WITH MR. DENKTASH. THERE IS ONLY ONE PROCEDURE AND IT IS ON THE BASIS OF THIS PROCEDURE THAT THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS BEEN OFFERING HIS GOOD OFFICES AND IT IS THIS PROCEDURE WHICH WE ALSO ACCEPT.

20. QUESTIONED WHETHER DR. WALDHEIM LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WILL SUBMIT HIMSELF COMPROMISE PROPOSALS, MR. KYPRIANOU REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE.

21. IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER QUESTION WHETHER DR. WALDHEIM IMPLIED THAT HE WILL ASK FOR MODIFICATIONS TO BE MADE TO THE PROPOSALS OF THE TURKISH SIDE, MR. KYPRIANOU SAID: "HE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS NOT TOLD ME SUCH A THING BUT I SUPPOSE HE MUST HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED DURING THE THREE-DAY CONSULTATIONS IN VIENNA.

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22. ASKED WHETHER DURING HIS TALKS WITH DR. WALDHEIM HE ASCERTAINED ANY TENDENCY ON HIS PART TO BE CONVINCED BY THE VIEWS OF ANY SIDE MR. KYPRIANOU SAID: "I SHOULD LIKE TO BE CONSISTENT AND TO KEEP THE WORD I GAVE TO DR. WALDHEIM ABOUT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF OUR TALK. THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY IS THAT NEITHER THE SECRETARY-GENERAL EXERTED ANY PRESSURE ON ME NOR DID I EXERT ANY PRESSURE ON HIM.
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23. ASKED WHETHER THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT IS FEARING A CRISIS AND WHETHER HE HAS THEREFORE MADE ANY MOVES ABROAD TO FACE A POSSIBLE TURKISH AGGRESSION, MR. KYPRIANOU SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT ON THE MATTER. ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT CONTEMPLATED CLOSING AMERICAN RADIO STATIONS AND FORBIDDING THE STATIONING OF AMERICAN SPY AIRCRAFT IN THE BRITISH BASES IN CYPRUS, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU SAID THESE ALSO WERE MATTERS ON WHICH HE DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT BECAUSE THEY FALL WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF MORE GENERAL MATTERS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, HAVING ALWAYS IN MIND THE INTERESTS OF THE CYPRUS PEOPLE. AT THIS POINT, HE ADDED, I WISH TO STRESS THAT THE ONLY CRITERION IN ALL OUR DECISIONS AND MOVES WILL BE THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

24. INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S

REACTION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, MR. KYPRIANOU SAID: "THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN A REACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN. THE REACTION OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS, UNDOUBTEDLY A MOVE AIMED AT ANTICIPATING THINGS EVEN BEFORE WE OFFICIALLY RECEIVED THE TURKISH PROPOSALS. THIS MOVE WAS NOT CORRECT AND, I HOPE, THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL EVENTUALLY BE CONVINCED THAT NOT ONLY THIS MOVE WAS NOT CORRECT BUT ALSO THAT ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS WAS NOT CORRECT EITHER."

25. ASKED WHAT WAS DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING WITH DR. WALDHEIM CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF MISSING PERSONS, MR. KYPRIANOU SAID: "ON THE QUESTION OF MISSING PERSONS WE AGREED THAT DR. WALDHEIM SHOULD HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH A DELEGATION OF RELATIVES OF MISSING PERSONS. THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING TOOK PLACE IN MY PRESENCE. AFTER LISTENING TO THE VIEWS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES DR. WALDHEIM PROMISED TO MAKE INTENSIVE EFFORTS UNTIL A SOLUTION IS FOUND TO THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO TRACE MISSING PERSONS."

26. TO ANOTHER QUESTION WHETHER TODAY HE HAD A TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE.

27. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU THEN SAID: "I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMETHING WHICH IS INTENDED MAINLY FOR THE FOREIGN MEDIA. ACCORDING TO U.N. RESOLUTIONS CYPRUS WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THE TURKISH TROOPS LEAVE THE ISLAND. NEVERTHELESS WE WENT TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. CYPRUS WAS ENTITLED NOT TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS BEFORE THE TURKISH SIDE, WHICH INVADED AND OCCUPIED 40 PERCENT OF THE ISLAND, SUBMITS PROPOSALS. WE NEVERTHELESS MADE A CONCESSION BY ACCEPTING FEDERATION. WE COULD HAVE ADHERED TO OUR POSITION AND WAIT FOR THE TURKISH PROPOSALS, BUT WE PRESENTED LAST APRIL'S PROPOSALS. WE PROCEEDED TO THE SUBMISSION OF CONCRETE AND COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS ON A MAP, WHICH WERE REPEATEDLY DESCRIBED AS PAINFUL CONCESSIONS, IN AN EFFORT TO FIND AN HONOURABLE SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ON THE BASIS OF FEDERATION. AND AFTER ALL THIS GOODWILL, WE TODAY FIND OURSELVES FACE TO FACE WITH THIS INADMISSIBLE SITUATION. I LIKE TO STATE THAT OUR POSITIONS REMAIN THE SAME. OUR POLICY IS BASED ON THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS. WE HAVE ACCEPTED FEDERATION BUT WE MEAN TRUE FEDERATION, A FEDERATION IN WHICH THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL CITIZENS, INCLUDING THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE GOVERNMENT, FREE SETTLEMENT AND

THE RIGHT TO PROPERTY WILL BE ENTRENCHED IN THE CONSTITUTION.

28. ADDRESSING MYSELF TO THE CYPRUS PEOPLE I APPEAL FOR
SOLID UNITY BECAUSE WE ARE PASSING THROUGH CRITICAL
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HOURS AND WE MUST ALL, LIKE ONE MAN, FACE THE SITUATION
WITH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY WITH REASON BUT ALSO
WITH DETERMINATION AND FAITH IN THE JUSTICE OF OUR CAUSE.

29. FINALLY I ADDRESS MYSELF TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS.
I AM CERTAIN THAT IF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAD BEEN FREE
THEY WOULD NOT HAVE APPROVED OF THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED
BY TURKEY AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP. THE TURKISH
CYPRIOTS KNOW VERY WELL THAT THEIR HAPPINESS AND WELFARE,
AND ALSO THOSE OF THE WHOLE CYPRUS PEOPLE, LIE IN THE
UNITY OF THE STATE AND THE UNITY OF THE PEOPLE. ONCE
AGAIN I WISH TO ASSURE THEM OF OUR MOST SINCERE FEELINGS
OF FRIENDSHIP AND I APPEAL TO THEM TO HAVE TRUST IN US
AND TO BELIEVE THAT STRUGGLING FOR A TRULY FREE, A TRULY
INDEPENDENT, A TRULY SOVEREIGN, A TRULY TERRITORIALY
INTEGRAL AND NON-ALIGNED CYPRUS, WE ARE AT THE SAME TIME
STRUGGLING BOTH FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOT PEOPLE AND THE
TURKISH CYPRIOTS, FOR ALL THE PEOPLE, FOR CYPRUS.
WE WANT TO LIBERATE THE OCCUPIED NORTH SO THAT THE TURKISH
CYPRIOTS MAY ALSO BE LIBERATED. WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR
DIFFICULT STRUGGLE PEACEFULLY BUT WITH DETERMINATION.
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